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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report



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A warm February and a sluggish economy contributed to the decline of gas sales by 5.4 percent from 1,915.6 trillions of Btu in February 1979 to 1,811.8 trillions of Btu. Industrial sales decreased by 7.2 percent, commercial sales 6.0 percent, and residential sales 3.7 percent.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

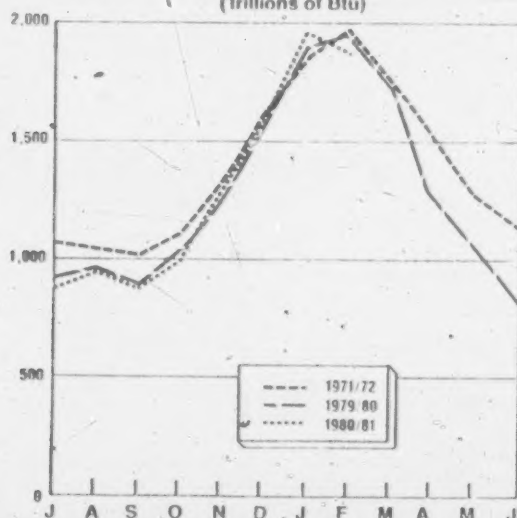
	February			Heating Season (Nov.-Feb.)		January 1 to December 31	
	1981	1980	% Change	1980/81	% Change From Last Period	1980	1981 Forecast ¹
Residential	766.7	796.1	- 3.7 ²	2,694.3	+ 5.7	4,853.4	4,911.5
Commercial	341.6	363.4	- 6.0	1,251.5	+ 5.3	2,431.8	2,431.3
Industrial	672.6	724.7	- 7.2	2,650.2	- 2.6	7,723.4	7,652.5
Other	30.9	31.4	-	148.7	-	309.7	296.5
Total	1,811.8	1,915.6	- 5.4	6,744.7	+ 2.6	15,318.3	15,291.8
Degree Days ^P (A.G.A.)	683	878	- 22.2	3,037	- 0.9		

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

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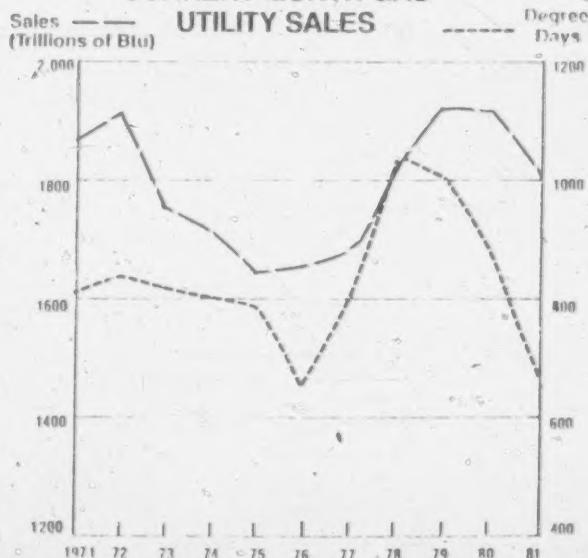
MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES

(Trillions of Btu)



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1979.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS (Thousands of Units)

		February		% Change '80 vs '81
		1981	1980	
Domestic Range				
Gas	121.8	133.4	-	8.7
Electric	197.6	216.1	-	8.6
Clothes Dryers				
Gas	52.4	58.9	-	11.0
Electric	191.4	219.2	-	12.7
Warm Air Furnaces				
Gas	129.2	130.7	-	1.1
Electric	18.7	20.0	-	6.5
Oil	4.8	5.5	-	12.7
Boilers				
Gas	9.8	28.7	-	65.9
Electric	0.1	0.3	-	53.2
Oil	3.9	3.6	+	9.2

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

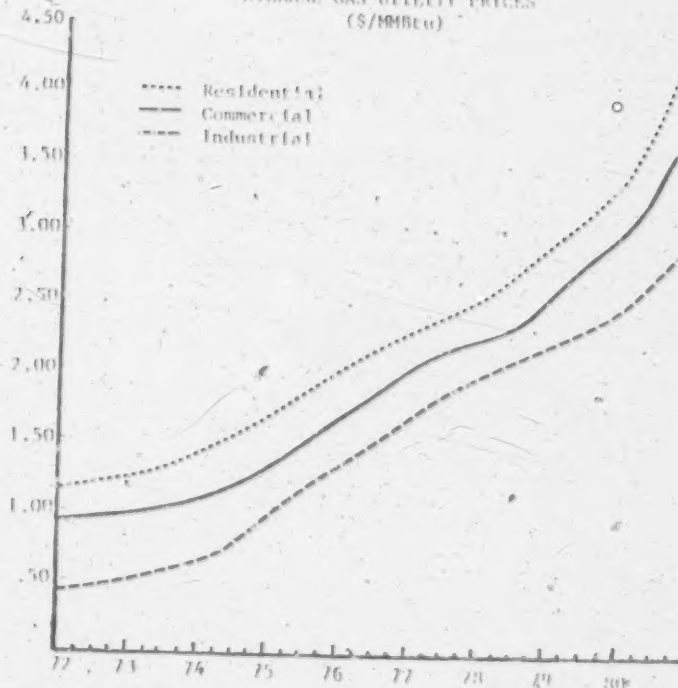
		February		
		1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Total Actual Private Housing				
Starts (Thous. of units)		72.1	80.2	- 10.1
Consumer Price Index				
(All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)				
Gas (utility pipe gas)		389.0	336.8	+ 15.5
Electricity		271.3	233.8	+ 16.0
Fuel Oil		712.0	561.9	+ 26.7
Index Total Gas Sales				
(1967 = 100)		127.0	134.3	- 5.4

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES (\$/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980 1 st Qtr.	2.97	3.31	3.17	2.61	1.94
2 nd Qtr.	3.14	3.77	3.43	2.79	1.90
3 rd Qtr.	3.18	4.36	3.57	2.89	2.03

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES (\$/MMBtu)



¹ 1980 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months of 1980 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

² The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.